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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 10-12.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A deodorant comprising a deodorant organic dibasic acid, said acid comprising an organic dibasic acid, a salt thereof or combinations thereof,
- wherein said acid has a difference between a first acid dissociation index and a second acid dissociation index of 1.7 or more at 25°C,
- wherein said second dissociation index is from 6 to 8, and

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